



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 18th May, 2005

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PRESENTATION OF REPORT

1. **Report of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development:**
Agricultural Revolution Bill 2005:
Senator Haruna Garba:
"That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development on Agricultural Revolution Bill 2005" (*To be Laid*).
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. **Alleged Police Killings in Yauri, Kebbi State:**
Senator Usman Sani Sami:
Senator Sani Kamba:
Senator Faruq Bello Bunza:
WHEREAS on Tuesday, 3rd May 2005, four (4) suspected armed robbers who were later alleged to be policemen, attacked and robbed innocent passengers of a commercial vehicle along Kontagora - Yauri Road;

WHEREAS in an act of self-defence the victims overpowered and arrested the alleged policemen and took them to nearest town which is Yauri;

WHEREAS events that followed was the burning of a police station and a police vehicle;

WHEREAS consequent upon these events, Policemen were deployed in large numbers to the town of Yauri where they used excessive force that resulted in the maiming of some and deaths of four (4) innocent civilians;

WHEREAS the Police who are constitutionally charged with the responsibility to enforce law and maintain order, turned around to brazenly break the law;

Be it resolve and it is hereby resolved:

- (i) That the alleged Police killing in Yauri under whatever guise be condemned.
- (ii) That the Emir of Yauri be commended for his timely intervention in the crisis.
- (iii) That Senate committee on Police Affairs to liaise with the Inspector-General of Police (IGP) to ensure this interaction is carried out with a view to equipping and educating the Police on how to handle cases involving civilians with the least force possible to prevent death or serious injuries
- (iv) That Senate committee on Police Affairs calls on the Inspector-General of Police (IGP) to sufficiently equip the Police on highways to ensure effective communication so as to properly safeguard lives and properties.
- (v) That the Inspector-General of Police (IGP) to enforce the decision reached between the Police, Luxury Bus Owners and other stakeholders to forestall robbery and accidents on our highways as a result of night travel. i.e. the strategy of police escorts in luxury buses be replaced with police observation posts in successive intervals along the highways.
- (vi) That the National Orientation Agency (NOA) embarks on vigorous campaigns to sensitize the public on the dangers of traveling with huge sums of money, which have been attributed for such attacks.
- (vii) That the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) to enlighten the public on the risks of night travels with a view to discouraging the public.

2. Debt Forbearance to some Banks by the Central Bank of Nigeria:

Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw:

WHEREAS the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) recently announced a policy of forbearance or debt forgiveness and write off to a number of banks estimated at ₦73 Billion.

WHEREAS implementation of the said policy of write off is tantamount to appropriation of public funds.

WHEREAS there is need to examine other possible options apart from write off to ensure that whatever action is taken is in the best interest of the Nation.

Be it resolved and it is hereby resolved:

- (i) That the CBN be advised to stop forthwith any implementation of its policy of debt write off to certain banks in whatever form or name, be it forbearance , cancellation, forgiveness etc.
- (ii) That the Bank be advised to seek the approval of the National Assembly through appropriate channels for any policy that may involve the appropriation of public funds.
- (iii) That in seeking the approval of the National Assembly the CBN be required to demonstrate that it has carefully considered all possible options of dealing with the debts problem and to satisfy the National Assembly that it has chosen the best possible option in the interest of the Nation.

3. Confirmation of Appointment:

Deputy Senate Majority Leader:

“That the Senate do consider the request of Mr President, Commander-in-Chief for the Confirmation of Appointment of Ambassador Bayo Yusuf and Mrs Chinwe N. Obaji as Ministers of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria representing Ondo and Imo States respectively in accordance with Section 147(2) and (3) of the 1999 Constitution”.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

- 1. Indigenization Bill 2005 (SB.154) — *Second Reading.***
Senator Abu Ibrahim:

2. Contract Awards Bill (SB.51) — *Second Reading*.
Senator J. K. Brambaifa:

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. **Report of the Committee on Appropriation and Finance:**
Federal Capital Territory Statutory Budget 2005:
Senator Abubakar Maikafi:
“That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Appropriation and Finance on the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Budget 2005 and approve the recommendations”.
2. **Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs:**
Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (Ratification and Jurisdiction) Bill 2005:
Senator Jibril M. Aminu:
“That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs on the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (Ratification and Jurisdiction) Bill 2005 and approve the recommendations”.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 18th May, 2005	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 15 Assembly Complex
2.	Education	Wednesday, 18th May, 2005	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 08 Assembly Complex
3.	Internal Affairs	Wednesday, 18th May, 2005	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 16 Assembly Complex
4.	Establishment and Public Service Matters	Wednesday, 18th May, 2005	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 03 Assembly Complex
5.	Housing and Urban Development	Wednesday, 18th May, 2005	1.30 p.m.	Committee Room 22 Assembly Complex
6.	Gas	Wednesday, 18th May, 2005	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 16 Assembly Complex
7.	Power, Steel Dev. and Metallurgy	Thursday, 19th May, 2005	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 18 Assembly Complex
8.	Employment, Labour and Productivity	Thursday, 19th May, 2005	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 22 Assembly Complex
9.	Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters	Thursday, 19th May, 2005	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 20 Assembly Complex